

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, please amend paragraph 15 as follows:

[0015] Fig. 8A, 8B, and 8C, and 8D show slack bins where nodes are sorted and placed in the method of Fig. 2.

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